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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

Under the terms of a treaty recently concluded between Germany and Italy, the conventional duty on packed apples imported into Germany was fixed at 33 cents per box and \$1.09 per barrel. The former duty was 57 cents per box and \$1.87 per barrel. The new rates automatically became applicable to all countries that enjoy most-favored nation treatment under their commercial treaties with Germany, and in addition to the United States include the United Kingdom, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. The apple exporting countries that do not have this clause in their commercial treaties with Germany are France, Australia, and Canada.

Imports from Canada, Australia, and France are subject to the general schedule of duties prescribed in the new German tariff, which became effective on October 1, 1925. These rates are equivalent to 71 cents per box and \$2.33 per barrel, or about 38 cents a box and \$1.24 a barrel higher than the rates fixed under the conventional schedule. The bulk of German imports from France probably take the unpacked rate under the general schedule, which is about equal to the tariff on imports from the United States in packages. Canadian apples, particularly barreled stock, are at a considerable disadvantage, it appears, in competing in the German market.

The low conventional rates on bulk apples and on apples imported in sacks favor importation from neighboring countries, such as Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Austria and restrict the demand for North American apples during October, November and December.

GERMAN TARIFFS ON APPLES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 1925.

| Tariff item No. 47 | :General:Con- | | Equivalent to | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | : Duty | :vention- | General | | Conventional | |
| | : al Duty | : | : | : | : | : |
| | : Marks | : Marks | : Per | : Per | : Per | : Per |
| | : <u>100 kgs</u> | : <u>100 kgs</u> | : <u>box b/</u> | : <u>bbl c/</u> | : <u>box b/</u> | : <u>bbl c/</u> |
| APPLES, FRESH: | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| Unpacked | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| From Sept. 25 to Nov. 25: | 6.00: | 2.00 | :\$0.285: | \$0.93: | \$0.095: | \$0.311 |
| From Nov. 26 to Dec. 31: | 8.00: | 2.00 | : .380: | 1.24: | .095: | .311 |
| From Jan. 1 to Sept. 24: | 8.00: | 4.50 | : .380: | 1.24: | .021: | .070 |
| Packed | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| In sacks of at least | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| 110 lbs. gross weight | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| from Sept. 25 to Dec. | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| 31 | 15.00: | 2.50 | : .713: | 2.33: | .118: | .389 |
| | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| In other packing (i.e | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| boxes, bbls, etc.)... | 15.00: | 7.00 | : .713: | 2.33: | .332: | 1.089 |

a/ Applies only to countries with which Germany has most-favored nation agreement. b/ Standard box of 44 lbs. net. c/ Standard barrel of

